

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 930

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Brian Atkinson upon realizing his dream of owning a classic car.

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body are pleased to specially recognize those dedicated hobbyists who early in life recognize their avocation and rigorously pursue it, at the cost of convenience and comfort that might give most others pause; and

WHEREAS, one such undaunted enthusiast is eighteen-year-old Brian Atkinson of Pennsylvania, who, when only a junior in high school, recognized his dream of owning a classic car; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mr. Atkinson purchased a 60,000 mile, two-tone green 1968 Rambler 440 for \$3,600; he has affectionately christened his bare-bones, no-options-needed classic car “Sani” which in the Navajo language means “the old one”; and

WHEREAS, in an era when many teenagers opt for the conformity of pristine cars that have rolled right off the assembly line, Brian Atkinson prefers vintage chrome and steel; and

WHEREAS, made in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Brian’s Sani, with its 232 cubic inch straight-six still intact, hasn’t had a single option added; and

WHEREAS, in his stint with the Rambler, Mr. Atkinson has only had to perform some basic bodywork, such as rust repair and new paint, otherwise the car is in its original condition; and

WHEREAS, Sani has presented few drivability issues, although Mr. Atkinson will need to address in the future a transmission rebuild, rubber hose replacement, and the patching of a rusty floorboard; and

WHEREAS, save for the lack of air conditioning in the summer and a slowness at starting and warming up in the winter, Brian’s Sani has served him well, garnering the attention

and admiration of numerous strangers who have not only professed their admiration for the automobile, but have taken pictures of it; and

WHEREAS, as a young child Brian Atkinson played with 1970s-era Firebirds and Fords and dreamed of owning a classic car, in particular a white Firebird with a red phoenix across the hood; and

WHEREAS, a man of eclectic tastes and a rebellious spirit, Mr. Atkinson professes that he was born about thirty years too late, preferring the cars, fashion, music, and tastes of the 1960s and 1970s to those of today; he has stated that driving his Rambler makes him feel as though he is home; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Brian Atkinson for realizing his dream of owning a classic car and recognize his commitment to and appreciation of those timeless automobiles that never go out of style; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Brian Atkinson upon realizing his dream of owning a classic car and wish him all the best in his future classic automobile buying endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.